



ASMC Newsletter . . . Mount Vernon Chapter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Patricia Ackerman, CDFM

My apologies for having to cancel the August luncheon. We are experiencing a few growing pains as we changed officers, as seems to happen every year. We discussed this trend and have come up with what we think will be a few major improvements for the upcoming year.

The first change we have decided to implement is to permanently change the date of the monthly luncheons. There has always been a little controversy over the luncheon dates. Many of the officer's feel it is very important to have a planned date (like the 3rd Thursday of each month) and stick to it no matter what. Last year though, keeping this date really hurt us for the November and December luncheons, they were just too close to Thanksgiving and Christmas so the turnout was small. We discussed this dilemma and decided that we could solve the problem by simply moving the regularly scheduled date to the second Thursday of each month. Hence, beginning with the November luncheon, all future ASMC luncheons will be on the second Thursday of each month.

Another problem we keep encountering is what happened in August, we vote in new officers and they just aren't prepared for the sudden surge of duties that have to be accomplished in the first month. To that end we have decided to change the date that we elect officers but retain the date they actually take office. We plan to hold our elections at the Chapter's Professional Development Day (PDD). There is never a time when we have a larger contingent of members present than at the PDD. This will allow each nominee to give a short campaign speech if they wish and it will allow us to have a much larger voting population. The second benefit of moving the election date is that the new officers will know who they are before the National ASMC Professional Development Institute (PDI). There are several small workshops early in the

mornings at the PDI for Chapter Officers. It will be very helpful for the incoming officers to attend these workshops before they take office. The final benefit for this change is that the new officers can start attending the Chapter Executive Council (CEC) meetings with the outgoing officers for the last couple months. This will provide for a much smoother transition.

I hope that you find these changes helpful and that this upcoming year will be full of exciting topics/speakers and great food. September's luncheon will be at the Old Country Buffet on Route 1. The speaker will be Mr. Josh Soloman from RWC Consulting. He will be speaking to us about "Life as a Consultant". With today's environment and the FAIR Act, you never know when you too may end up as a consultant. Come join us and find out what life as a consultant is really like. October's speaker will be Chaplain Mickey Foxworth who will be speaking to us about the "Effects of 9/11 on DoD". I'm sure that the Fort Belvoir Chaplain will have a perspective on this subject that is much farther reaching than the majority of us have had to deal with. I hope to see you there.



11 Aug 02 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

by
Edna Plancon, Chapter Secretary

1. The CEC meeting of the Mount Vernon Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers was called to order at 10:10 hours by President Pat Ackerman.

2. The following Officers were in attendance –

Patricia Ackerman, President
Edna Plancon, Secretary
Maj. Knowlton, Program Director
Steve Breyfogle, Services Director
Rose Green, Social & Community Services Director

The following Officers were excused:

Ron Szatmary, Vice President
Jill F. Karayannis, Treasurer
Diane Andrews, Awards & Scholarship Director
Rita Roberts, Chapter Competition
Marticia Banks-Booker, Education Director
Mary Sutton, Membership Director
Stacey Royston, Newsletter Director
Deborah McLain, Publicity & Photography Director
Kevin Brooks, Web Master

3. Information on upcoming Luncheons

The September luncheon will be held on 19 September at the Old Country Buffet, 7820 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA. The cost will be \$7.00 for members and \$8.00 for non-members. Mr. Josh Soloman, RWC Consulting, will be our speaker. His Topic is Life as a Consultant.

4. Officer's Discussion

a. President (Pat) Pat mentioned the Treasurer needs to look into getting the credit card capability for Professional Development Day. A suggestion was made to possibly see if the Washington Chapter (who has the credit card capability) might allow us to use their machine once a year for a specified fee that would be less than what a bank would charge the Chapter. This would also prevent us from having to change banks. The credit card saved a lot of time on trying to collect the funds. Pat mentioned our Educational Director should

look into booking the Springfield Hilton for our Professional Development Day this coming year. She also mentioned our Vice-President should look into getting some kind of pins or stickers to hand out at the PDI. Could possibly get metal pins, made in Korea, and might be able to get someone to pick them up. A motion by Pat to contribute to the muster to take place at the Pentagon by donating \$100.00 to the cause, which is to honor the 9/11 victims. Motion 2nd by Maj. Knowlton – motion carried.

b. Vice President (Ron) No Report

c. Secretary (Edna) would like everyone to take turns finding a place to have the CEC meeting each month. We have a sign up sheet, so you can take your choice. Edna Also passed out Mount Vernon Chapter CEC Directory.

d. Treasurer (Jill) No Report

e. Awards & Scholarship Director (Diane) No Report

f. Chapter Competition (Rita) No Report

g. Education Director (Marticia) No Report

h. Membership Director (Mary) Mary sent a message wanting to get gift incentives for new members. The quantity amount and type of gift will be determined based on funds available. Since we did not have a quorum, the suggestion was tabled till the next meeting.

i. Newsletter Director (Stacey) No Report

j. Program Director (Maj Knowlton) Major Knowlton apologized for not having a speaker for the August Luncheon. We went over the proposed program list for the upcoming year. Suggestion - we make the nomination of Officer's in February and vote at the Professional Development Day program. A motion by Maj. Knowlton to change the CEC Meetings to the 1st Thursday of the month, and the Luncheons to the 2nd Thursday of the month starting in October. This was 2nd by Pat Ackerman – motion carried.

One question, do we want to have the CEC meetings at HECSA?

k. Publicity & Photography Director (Deborah) No Report

l. Services Director (Steve) Steve has some good ideas as to where to have the monthly luncheons. He proposed we have an art auction to raise some extra funds. We could make 25% of the

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gross sales up to \$10,000 and 30% of the gross sales over \$10,000.

m. Social and Community Services Director (Rose) Rose states donations for school supplies drive will be open until August 31st. They have some supplies but are waiting for other donations before taking them to the homeless shelter. Information for muscular dystrophy will be sent out by e-mail.

n. Web Master (Kevin) No Report

5. The next CEC meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12, at 1300 hours at HECSA.

6. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 hours.

The October CEC Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 3rd at Red, Hot & Blue Restaurant.



Membership Corner

WELCOME!

* A warm welcome to our newest member:
Sonya Lyons, DLA Fort Belvoir

* Please bring a friend to our September luncheon.

To access membership information and application online, please go to the following website at:
<http://www.asmcnline.org/membership>

FORT BELVOIR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION NEWS

* New Student Visa Credit Card

Do you have a full-time student in your household? If so, please notify them of our new Student VISA Credit Card.

- * Introducing our new Student VISA Credit Card! Convenience you want with added security. Get the purchasing power that's more widely accepted than checks and more readily available than cash. Our Student VISA Credit Card offers you a great way to start building a good credit history with:
 - * 12.90% Fixed Annual Percentage Rate
 - * No Annual Fee
 - * Limit of \$500 with no co-signer; limit can increase to \$1,000 with co-signer

To qualify for our Student VISA Credit Card, you must be at least 18 years old and attending high school or enrolled full-time at a two or four year university/college.

* No Hagggle, No Hassle Car Sale:

CAR SALE

DATE: 19-20th October 2002

LOCATION: Patriot Center Fairfax, VA

If you hate the hassle of negotiating down to the last dollar when you buy a car, get the respect you deserve at our No Hagggle, No Hassle Car Sale! October 19th-20th credit union members can get dealers' best prices on your choice of hundreds of used cars with credit union financing. Sale sponsored by the Washington Metro area Credit Unions and Area used car dealers.

Get your loan approved before the sale dates to get your choice on the best cars and prices. Contact us today!

* Financial Services

HOME BUYING SEMINAR

DATE: Wednesday, September 18th 2002

LOCATION: Fort Belvoir Community Center

TIME: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00p.m.

* Lunch will be provided

FORT BELVOIR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION NEWS CONTINUED.

Fall is the perfect time to go shopping for a new home. Educate yourself and get tips on all aspects on the process beforehand. Our expert mortgage loan manager will be there to answer any questions. All persons interested in buying a home definitely need to attend.

Please call Michelle Geenty at (703) 730-1800 ext. 5147 before September 17th to R.S.V.P.

*** Quick Tip: Beware of the rate jump!**

What rate are you paying on your credit card? If you have a variable-rate card, you may be paying considerably more in finance charges. Protect yourself from the "jumping" rate by applying for a fixed-rate credit card. Contact us to discuss your need for a credit card needs. We can show you the best options.

*Visit us online at www.ftbfcu.org

*Call (703) 730-1800 Monday- Friday 9 a.m. to 5p.m.

* Or call (877) 827- FORT (24 hours)

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National News

Take a moment and Honor Our Fallen Comrades:

Last year's attacks on the World Trade Center touched the lives of every American. Fifteen of our ASMC members were killed in the attacks, and another seven were seriously injured. As you pay tribute and honor to all of the victims of September 11th, please make a special note of our own fallen comrades.

Angelene Carter
Gerald Fisher
Peggy Hurt
Brenda Gibson
Brenda Kegler
Robert Maxwell
Patricia Mickley
Diane Padro
Edward Rowenhorst
Robert Russell
Charles Sabin
Sandra Taylor
Willie Troy
David Laychak
Rhonda Rasmussen

Injured Victims

Aaron Cooper
Kathy Cordero
Juan Cruz-Santiago
Paul Gonzalez
David Lanagan
Sheila Moody
Christine Morrison

Grapevine



INSCOM:

Congratulations to Dave Elliott on his promotion to a GG-13.

Congratulations to Valerie Durham on her promotion to a GG-13.

Congratulations to Christy Bossard on her August graduation from the Sustaining Base Leadership and Management Program at the Army Management Staff College.

Welcome to Colonel Billy Antley, the new Assistant Chief of Staff, Resource Management, who comes from an assignment in Germany.

USAFB:

Congratulations to Karen Sikes, she is leaving her position as a Management Accountant with the US Army Garrison-Fort Belvoir, Directorate of Resource Management for a promotion to a GS-13 Budget Analyst with ACSIM.

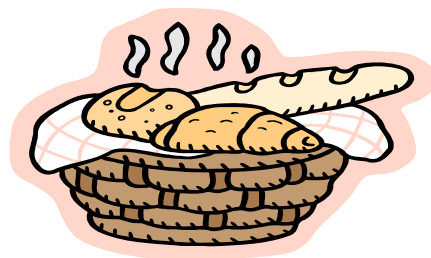
USACE:

Congratulations to Gwen Roache, she is leaving her position as a Budget Analyst with the Engineer Research and Development Center to accept a GS-13 promotion as a Budget Analyst with Department of Commerce's Office of Finance and Administration in Washington, D.C.

Welcome back Virginia Harris. We are glad to have you back!

ASC:

Congratulations to Olga Lucas who is leaving ASC for a promotion at PEO Soldier. We wish you success in your new job!



September Luncheon

WHEN: Thursday, September 19th

WHERE: Old Country Buffet
7820 Richmond Hwy (Rte 1)
Alexandria, VA

MENU: All-you-can-eat buffet

COST: \$7.00 members/\$8.00 non-members

SPEAKER: Josh Soloman, RCW
Consulting Group

TOPIC: "Life as a Consultant"

October Luncheon

WHEN: Thursday, October 17th

WHERE: To Be Determined

SPEAKER: Chaplain Mickey Foxworth

TOPIC: "Effects of 9/11 on DOD"

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